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Participation of local bodies in political activities.

*241 Q.—Mr. K. Koti Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Madras Chamber of Local Boards and any local board or municipality sent up to Government copies of resolutions passed protesting against G.O. No. 2414, L. & M., dated 17th June 1930, regarding the participation of local bodies in political activities; and

(b) whether he proposes to rescind the Government Order above referred to?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

Mr. K. Koti Reddi:—"May I know what the difficulties are in the way of rescinding the order?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—"It has to be considered by the whole Government and not by one department."

Mr. K. Koti Reddi:—"May I know whether a statement was not included in the election manifesto of the Justice party to the effect that the party would rescind this Government Order?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—"They have expressed disapproval of a particular order."

Mr. K. Koti Reddi:—"May I know whether this was not the Government Order that was promised to be rescinded?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—"As I said, the Government are considering the question."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—"For how long has this question been under consideration?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—"Surely, as the hon. Member knows, only for the last few months."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—"May I know whether in any particular case this Government Order was given effect to or is proposed to be given effect to?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—"It has not been given effect to, nor is it proposed to be given effect to."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—"May I know whether the hon. the Chief Minister was not a party to the resolution passed by the Chittoor District Board?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—"It is so, Sir."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—"May I know whether there are any cases before the Government in which the question has arisen as to whether this Government Order should be given effect to or not?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—"Notice, Sir."

Diwan Bahadur M. Gopalaswami Mudaliyar:—"How long will the Government take for the consideration of this Government Order?"